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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/2/76

UPI on 2/1/76 quoted Long Island, New York, newspaper "Newsday" as reporting "several FBI Agents and at least one Memphis (Tenn.) police officer" infiltrated black militant group, the Invaders, which was "in the vanguard of rioting" 3/28/68 in Memphis in which one was killed and several injured. Martin Luther King's return to Memphis, where he was assassinated, is attributed to this riot. It is stated "the FBI and Memphis police have verified that their agents were working within the Invaders organization at the time of the riots and King's assassination.

Attached Memphis teletype advises that Invaders, aka Black Organizing Project, was organized in Memphis in 1967, and adopted philosophy of nihilism and anarchy. Bureau investigation ran from 1/15/68 to 10/70.

During 3/68 riots, Memphis was operating 5 extremist informants, none in a policy level in any organization, only one was a member of Invaders and he was not a leader. No Bureau Agents ever penetrated Invaders. One Memphis Police Department undercover officer penetrated Invaders, but not in policy position. He has been publicly disclosed and is no longer in police department.

Memphis has never publicly reported Agents or informants worked within Invaders. (External Affairs, Press Office similarly has made no such report.)

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Memphis sources have reported King's group used Invader members as parade marshals and guards as reported by UPI.

Memphis sources reported on organization plans, structure and activities, but never tried to turn Invaders against King group, nor did they advocate or plan riots. Attorney General will be advised of the facts of this matter.